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LETTER DATED 29 APRIL 1997 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a note verbale with an attachment, dated 17 March 1997, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., to the Embassy of Pakistan, to be forwarded to the Department of State of the United States of America on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the military forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Majid TAKHT-RAVANCHI
Ambassador
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Annex

Note verbale dated 17 March 1997 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to convey the attached message, in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and that our office be informed of its response.

Appendix

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships and aircraft positioned in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman created a nuisance for Iranian ships on the following dates and times:

(a) On 19 December 1996 at 1339 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2827 and E5006 locked radar over the Iranian battleship Khadang at the position of N2836 and E4955;

(b) On 19 December 1996 at 1350 hours, at the direction of 60 degrees north and a distance of seven miles from the Frouzan oil platform, a United States warship locked radar over the Iranian battleship Khadang.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these illegal activities by the Government of the United States and calls for an end to such actions.